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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7761  
INFO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ECLA  
SUBJECT: ECLA COMMITTEE STRUCTURES

REF: BUFFUM-WHITE TELECON 5/12/75; PORT OF SPAIN 1120;  
STATE 105918

1. DESPITE INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS, IT HAS PROVED IMPOSSIBLE  
TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE ON COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.  
WHAT FINALLY EMERGED IN SECOND COMMITTEE WAS OMNIBUS  
RESOLUTION INCLUDING INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND  
POPULATION UNDER CHAPEAU CHARGING HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE OF  
EXPERTS WITH OVERSEEING THESE FUNCTIONS ON A PROVISIONAL  
BASIS.

2. MOST FAVORABLE ASPECT OF RESOLUTION IS ITS PROVISIONAL  
CHARACTER. FURTHERMORE, IT DOES NOT CREATE EXCLUSIVE  
NEW COMMITTEES WHICH U.S. WISHED TO AVOID (AFTER  
BREAKDOWN OF ORIGINAL COMPROMISE WHICH WAS ACCEPTABLE TO US;  
THIS BECAME THE ONLY OTHER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE).

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DISADVANTAGE IS THAT IT GIVES EVEN MORE AUTHORITY TO

A COMMITTEE WHICH WE OPPOSE BECAUSE WE ARE EXCLUDED.  
RESOLUTION ALSO CONTAINS UNDESIRABLE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS  
IN INDUSTRY SECTION. WE INTEND TO VOTE NO IN PLENARY  
TUESDAY MORNING WITH STATEMENT ALONG FOREGOING LINES.

3. MEXICAN POSITION HAS BEEN MOST OBSTREPEROUS. IT  
WAS CLEAR FROM THE BEGINNING THAT MEXICO WANTED TO  
CREATE SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEES WITH  
DC'S. THUS, DESPITE EARLIER AGREEMENTS ON POPULATION  
AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEES, WHICH DID NOT  
SPECIFY EXCLUSIVITY, MEXICO RENEGED ON NEGOTIATED TEXTS.  
OTHER LAS DID NOT NECESSARILY AGREE WITH MEXICANS,  
PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,  
BUT WERE UNWILLING TO BREAK LA RANKS IN OPEN VOTE. CLOSEST  
COLLABORATORS WITH MEXICANS WERE CUBANS. WE HAVE IMPRESSION  
THAT CHANGE OF MEXICAN POSITION AND FIRMNESS WITH WHICH  
IT WAS HELD BASED ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM MEXICO CITY.

4. THUS NEGOTIATIONS MAONG LAS ON COMMITTEE COMPOSITION  
STARTED WITH MEXICAN PRINCIPLE THAT DCS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED.

WITHIN THIS CONTEXT, THERE WAS ALMOST CONTINUOUS NEGOTIATION  
AMONG LAS, WITH SECRETARIAT HELPING, AND ONLY SUBSEQUENTLY  
WITH US. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT LATINS WOULD INSIST  
ON EXCLUSIVITY IN SOME FORM, WE PRESSED THE IDEA THAT  
WHATEVER ARRANGEMENT WAS DECIDED UPON NOW SHOULD BE ONLY  
TEMPORARY. PRESENT RESOLUTION CONTAINS THIS IDEA.  
WE ARE SEEKING TO GIVE IT OPERATIONAL MEANING THROUGH  
ANOTHER RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A STUDY BY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON ECLA PROCEDURES AND MECHANISMS.  
HE WOULD USE EXPERTS AS HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE,  
REPORTING BACK TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITHIN A YEAR.  
IGLESIAS WISHES TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDY AND WE HOPE THAT IT  
MIGHT PROVIDE A WAY TO TAKE THE HEAT OUT OF THIS ISSUE  
AND COME UP WITH ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS. WE ARE NOT SURE  
IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GET SUCH A RESOLUTION. IF NOT,  
THE STUDY MIGHT STILL BE POSSIBLE, THOUGH RESOLUTION  
IS PREFERABLE ROUTE.  
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